

# **Baraboo Economic Development Commission**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **February 6, 2020**

#### **I. Call to Meeting to Order and Note Compliance with Open Meeting Law**

Vice-Chair Jim Bowers called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Baraboo Municipal Building, room 205, 101 South Blvd., Baraboo, WI. The meeting was noticed in conformance with Wisconsin State Statutes regarding open meetings.

#### **II. Roll Call**

Present: Bowers, Ayar, Johnson, Mueller, Palm, Reppen, Taylor, Walczak, Wastlund

Absent: Alt, Caflisch, Ryan, White

Other: Kennie Downing, Patrick Cannon

#### **III. Approve Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda as presented

Johnson (1); Taylor (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

#### **IV. Approve Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes for December 5, 2019 and January 2, 2020 with minor adjustments

Johnson (1); Reppen (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

#### **V. Public Comment**

No one from the public wished to speak

#### **VI. Old Business**

##### **a. Updates on Development Activities**

- Mayor Palm updated on the following:
  - The State DOT will be reconstruction sidewalk ramps on HWY 113 & 136 in 2020 & 2021.
  - He served on a Review Committee for State Road projects. They had more applications than funding.
  - Bike Wisconsin will be in Baraboo in June. They will be staying at the Civic Center
  - The Chamber held an update on the local economy. There are over 1235 businesses with in the zip code
  - The Mayor also attended an economic update put on by the Department of Revenue
  - The City has placed the other members of the Baraboo Ambulance District of its intention to explore other service options.
- Mr. Johnson that Ag prices are realistic and that the trade agreements will not start until later in the year.
- Mr. Taylor indicated that the banking industry is very strong at this time.
- Ms. Wastlund indicated that the CDA has granted a loan to the Al. Ringling Brewing Company.
- Ms. Mueller gave an update on the School remodeling project.
- Mr. Reppen indicated that the County has several issues that they are addressing.
- Dr. Ayar indicated that over all Higher Education is struggling with enrollment
- Mr. Bowers indicated that nothing significant has happened in the Village. He also indicated that a fundraiser was help for the homeless shelter.

**VII. New Business**

**a. Establishing 2020 Goals for BEDC**

The Mayor updated the Board on the areas of housing and what vacant parcels are available within the City.

The question of changing to bi-monthly meetings was approached and will be included on the agenda for the March meeting.

**VII. Update Partner Presentation Schedule**

No additional comments were provided.

**VIII. Commissioner and City Staff comments**

No additional comments were provided.

**IX. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:49 pm.

Johnson (1); Taylor (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

Jim Bowers  
Vice-Chairperson

Patrick Cannon  
Recorder